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**Labor Market Report
February 2020**

IMPORTANT NOTE: *This release includes nonfarm jobs and labor force estimates for February 2020. Data collected for this report references the week including February 12th, prior to an emergency declaration for the State of Kansas in response to COVID-19 that was issued on March 12th. The estimates in this report do not reflect the economic impacts of COVID-19. Additional resources for affected workers and employers may be found at the Kansas Department of Labor's website: www.dol.ks.gov and www.GetKansasBenefits.gov.*

TOPEKA, Kan. – Preliminary estimates reported by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show a [seasonally adjusted unemployment rate](#) of 3.1 percent in February. This was unchanged from 3.1 percent in January and a decrease from 3.3 percent in February 2019.

“While February preliminary estimates indicate employers added jobs, these estimates do not include the impact of the COVID-19 that is currently being felt by Kansas employers and workers alike,” said Secretary Delía García. “We are directing all Kansans to utilize our website www.dol.ks.gov for more information.”

Seasonally adjusted job estimates indicate total Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 1,600 from January. [Private sector jobs](#), a subset of total nonfarm jobs, increased by 3,000 from the previous month, while government decreased by 1,400 jobs.

“Preliminary estimates indicate Kansas employers added 1,600 jobs in February and the unemployment rate remained at 3.1 percent,” said Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen. “These estimates are based on data collected for the week including February 12th, so they do not reflect any developments in the rapidly evolving response to COVID-19.”

Since February 2019, Kansas gained 14,700 [seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs](#). This change is due to 13,800 additional private sector jobs and 900 additional government jobs.

BLS revised seasonally adjusted preliminary total nonfarm jobs estimates for January upward by 2,200 jobs, from 1,430,900 to 1,433,100. Seasonally adjusted private sector jobs were revised upward by 2,000 jobs, from 1,169,500 to 1,171,500.

Complete Kansas labor market information for February is available [here](#).

The March 2020 Labor Report will be released on Friday, April 17.

[Technical Notes](#)

Audio clips of the Labor Market Report quotes by Secretary of Labor, Delia García and Labor Economist, Emilie Doerksen are available online, courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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